

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, Senator Newell, I think you answered the question yourself. I think you made the point. Those volunteers that help you in your campaign were extremely valuable to you, just as valuable as your opponent who may have had a \$25 contribution, in fact even more valuable. Somehow you're going to have to identify that value. I think you brought out a beautiful way to do it. You figure the amount of time those people spent, you figure an hourly rate as to what that time is worth, multiply it out and report it. I think, absolutely, this is the way you do it. I think you've answered our question, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Alright. Thank you. Using Senator Dworak's logic, and I think that we have a problem here with Senator Dworak's logic, to be quite frank, if we use Senator Dworak's logic and say we must report all goods and services, we must account for everything, then I'm sure Senator Dworak will accept that we will now...an amendment to this that says we have to report every last dime that is contributed to a campaign. The same logic, it's even more important that contributions be reported than neighbors knocking on doors and asking people to support your specific candidacy, we should report every last dime. But we do not report every last dime. We do not report every last dime because the Legislature, in its wisdom, has decided that 1. it's too big a hassle; 2. we really don't want to report all that money, we like the \$100 which is absolutely way too high; and so forth. Let me make this point, that volunteer personal services, the people knocking on doors, people talking you up in the neighborhood cannot possibly be accounted for. You can report that dime, you can report those contributions, but to try to put a quantitative and a value on personal work, or people talking for you not only will not be done, it cannot be done. Consequently, what we do is we encourage people to even be less on us about the reporting procedures. I think Senator Carsten's amendment adds very little here. I think the amendment that we're talking about is if you have to go out and use money to buy somebody to work for you, then you better report it because that is exactly it, they're not doing it for you, they're doing it for money. However, if the person voluntarily contributes his time that ought not be reported, it cannot be reported, it will not be reported. To ask it to be reported is absolutely foolish. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We have to turn the microphone up at certain times.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support Senator Carsten's amendment. I think it's real good. I think it will accomplish the things that we want to accomplish with it. I urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the body. I'm not an authority on election laws, or anything of that nature. Simply because I went through an ordeal doesn't make one an authority on it. I would like to do away with Senator Carsten's amendment because I would like to keep everybody in the law.